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SUBJECT: WECKMANN RESIGNS

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1. IN STRICTEST CONFIDENCE, UNSYG SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE WECKMANN INFORMED ME EVENING AUGUST 7 THAT HE HAD TELEPHONED WALDHEIM WHO VACATIONING IN AUSTRIA TO TELL HIM OF SITUATION DESCRIBED REFTEL AND TO ASK TO BE RELIEVED AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING NEXT NEGOTIATING SESSION SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 8-9 IN NEW YORK. ACCORDING TO WECKMANN, WALDHEIM HAD EXPRESSED UNDERSTANDING AND AGREED.

2. WECKAMNN WENT ON TO TELL ME THAT HE HAD CALLED ON MAKARIOS MORNING AUGUST 7 TO INFORM HIM OF HIS DECISION AND REASONS THEREFORE. WITH UNCTUOUS SYMPATHY, MAKARIOS HAD EXPRESSED REGRET. HE BLANDLY CLAIMED TO BE ONLY marginally AWARE OF CAMPAIGN AGAINST WECKMANN (MOUNTED BY HIS OWN PAPERS).

3. WECKAMNN ADVISED ME THAT HE WOULD BE LEAVING AUGUST 8 FOR JERUSALEM TO SEE PRESIDENT ECHEVAERRIA TO REQUEST REINSTATEMENT
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4. IN INFORMING ME OF FOREGOING, WECKMANN SAID HE EXPECTED TO BE LEAVING THE CYPRUS PROBLEM WITH A SENSE OF REAL CONTRIBUTION. WHILE SEPTEMBER 8-9 NEGOTIATING SESSIONS IN NEW YORK WOULD MARK THE END OF HIS ROLE, HE THOUGHT THERE WOULD BE MAJOR FORWARD MOVEMENT THERE. DENKTASH HAD GIVEN HIM HIS PERSONAL ASSURANCE THAT HE WOULD PRESENT THE OUTLINE OF AN OVERALL SOLUTION. THIS WOULD INCLUDE OFFER TO RETURN NEW CITY OF FAMAGUSTA, IMPORTANT AREAS SOUTH OF NEW NICOSIA-FAMAGUSTA ROAD, AND SOME CITRUS PLANTATIONS IN VICINITY OF MORPHOU. HE WOULD NOT DEAL IN TERRITORIAL PERCENTAGES, BUT AREA TO BE RELINQUISHED WOULD BE SUFFICIENT TO ALLOW RETURN OF 100,000 REFUGEES. VIRTUALLY NO GREEKS WOULD BE ALLOWED TO RETURN TO AREA WHICH THEREAFTER REMAINED UNDER TURKISH ADMINISTRATION. PROPOSAL WOULD BE ESSENTIALLY NON-NEGOTIABLE.

5. ACCORDING TO WECKMANN, DENKTASH HAD TOLD HIM THAT LEADERSHIP OF TURKISH POLITICAL PARTIES WAS IN ACCORD WITH THIS APPROACH BUT ATTITUDES OF TURKISH MILITARY REMAINED AT THIS STATE PROBLEMATIC.

6. WECKMANN'S READING OF ALL THIS IS THAT GOT IS LETTING DENKTASH DO WHAT ITSELF CANNOT DO FOR MANY REASONS OF DOMESTIC POLITICS AND FOREIGN POLICY IN THE FACE OF US ARMS EMBARGO. GOT'S STRATEGY, WECKMANN BELIEVES, IS TO GET ITSELF OFF HORN OF PRESENT DILEMMA BY SUPPORTING A SOLUTION OSTENSIBLE WORKED OUT BY CYPRIOTS HOPING SINCERELY THAT THIS WILL LEAD TO EARLY PROGRESS AND, AS A CONSEQUENCE, RESCINDING OF ARMS EMBARGO.
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